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Abstract:

The **quadtree** data structure is widely used in digital image processing and computer graphics for modeling spatial segmentation of images and surfaces. A **quadtree** in which each node has four descendants. Since most algorithms based on **quadtree** require complex navigation between nodes, efficient traversal methods as well as efficient storage techniques are of great interest. In this paper we first propose an efficient **indexing** scheme for a linear (pointerless) **quadtree** data structure. The **quadtree** is stored using a unidimensional array of nodes. Our **indexing** scheme has the property that the navigation between any pair of nodes can be computed in $O(\log n)$ time. Moreover the navigation across multiple **quadtrees** can be achieved at no extra cost. We illustrate our results on applications in computer graphics. We first show that the problem of computing a so-called restricted **quadtree** can be solved at $O(n \log n)$ e.g. with a computational complexity having the order of magnitude of the problem. Then, we explain how this problem can be solved in the case of surfaces modeled by multiple **quadtrees**. Finally, we show how a **tessellated** sphere can be implemented and navigated using our data structure.

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